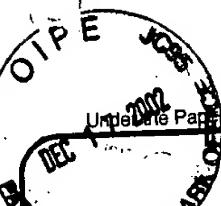


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Application Number	09/441,674
Filing Date	November 17, 1999
First Named Inventor	Mark E. Lewis
Art Unit	1743
Examiner Name	Latoya I. Cross
Attorney Docket Number	6622.US.O1

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- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
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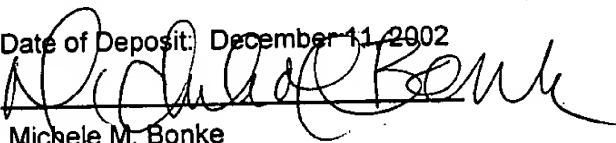
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed July 17, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to December 17, 2002 by means of a Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly rewrite claims 1, 4-10, 15, 16, 20-22, 24, and 26-28 as follows:

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1. (Once amended) A test strip for chemical analysis of a sample, adapted for use in combination with a measuring device having a test

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